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ANDY RUGG

It is with deep sadness that I must pass along the news of the untimely death of longtime CIDX member and friend Andy Rugg, at the

young age of 58. Those of you in the Montreal area, in particular, will remember Andy from many past CIDX events, including the annual barbecues. The following is the obituary notice from today's Montreal Gazette. On behalf of CIDX and its members, I extend our deepest sympathy to the family and friends of Andy (Sheldon Harvey, QC, Oct 15, WORLD OF RADIO 1203, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

RUGG, Andrew. At his residence on Thursday October 9, 2003. Andrew F. Rugg, B.Com., C.A. McGill University, (Amateur radio license, call sign VA3TEE, became a Silent Key in St. Catharines, a member of the Seaway Valley Amateur Radio Club of Cornwall, long standing member of the Hawkesbury Golf and Country Club and die hard New York Ranger Fan) of Cornwall; age fifty-eight years. Dear son of the former Margaret Schrie and the late Henry Rugg. Dear brother and best friend of John Rugg of Mississauga. He will be sadly missed by his immediate and extended family. Resting at the Lahaie & Sullivan Cornwall Funeral Homes, West Branch, 20 Seventh Street West, Cornwall (1-613-932-8482) from 2 p.m. Thursday. Funeral Friday, October 17, 2003 for Service in the Memorial Chapel of the Funeral Home at 2 p.m. followed by cremation. Pastor Beth Conroy of St. Catharines officiating. The family will be in attendance from 2 to 4 p.m. and 7 to 9 p.m. Thursday and from 12 noon until time of Funeral on Friday. As expressions of sympathy, Memorial Donations to the Salvation Army or to the Heart and Stroke Foundation of Ontario would be appreciated by the family (via Sheldon Harvey, DXLD)

Sad news. DXer and ham radio operator Andy Rugg of Cornwall ON has passed away. This must have been sudden, because he had a contribution -- in the Musings correspondence section -- in the current issue of the National Radio Club's DX News, which arrived here this morning, in which he stated that he was looking forward to the coming winter DX season.

I've met Andy -- he was a very nice individual and an enthusiastic hobbyist. Andy was a regular contributor to the NRC, and also to ODXA's Listening In. He will be missed not only by his family but by the many DXers and hams who knew him (Saul Chernos, ODXA via DXLD)

** ALASKA. THREE IN A ROW: NAB GIVES DIOCESE OF FAIRBANKS KNOM THE MARCONI STATION OF THE YEAR AWARD

Nome, Oct 10 (KNOM) -- The Diocese of Fairbanks' full-service radio station in Nome, clear channel KNOM 780 AM and 100.3 FM, have been awarded the coveted Marconi Radio Station of the Year Award from the National Association of Broadcasters (NAB). ``We were among the five finalists,'' says Tom Busch, general manager, ``but we did not expect to win the Marconi Radio Station of the Year Award. We were up against some powerhouse stations.''

``I was there, as well as PD Ric Schmidt and news director Paul Korchin. I had not planned to attend the NAB radio show, but was in the Lower 48 anyway for the National Catholic Development Conference, so I bopped over to Philadelphia for the event. Among the other nominees was WNNL, Raleigh, a gospel station. At the ceremony Thursday night, October 2nd, the presenter muffed the call letters, slowly and ceremoniously announcing ``And the winner is ----- W -- N ---`` and all three of us visibly deflated. And he continued `` -- O -- M -- Nome, Alaska!`` and we went from abject dejection into elation within a half-second.``

That's not the only distinction for the 33-year-old station. Mr. Busch says ``There will be an article on us in St. Anthony's Messenger in the spring, and the Liguorian is interviewing me next week for a module on us in connection with a piece on the Diocese of Fairbanks.`` (Catholic Radio Update Oct 13 via DXLD)

** ARGENTINA. 3040 harmonic, AM 1520, Monte Grande (2 x 1520), con m'suica contemporanea y algunos anuncios, finalmente logrÈ una ID despues de varios dias: "101.7 y AM 1520" por locutor. M-s tarde una locutora con una laaarga disertaciÛn sobre el amor. AnunciÛ un par de telefonos de estudio, uno de ellos "4-29-6-...". Una ID sonÛ como "Radio Modeit", pero no me puedo dar cuenta de la palabra correcta. Finalmente a las 0458 se escuchÛ un anuncio de cierre "Hasta aquÌ trasmittiÛ AM 1520, la radio de Monte Grande". PensÈ que la portadora iba a desaparecer, pero muy a mi sorpresa el canal no fue evacuado y pasÈ a escuchar musica tipica argentina, con un audio bastante distorsionado, como si fuera en efecto FM. EscuchÈ un par de ID's "FM Soldados 89.5". El audio mejorÛ un poco despues. Estoy intrigado acerca de esta operaciÛn con dos emisoras compartiendo la frecuencia una tras otra (Horacio Nigro, Uruguay, oct 15)condig

6192.74 khz RADIO BOSQUES (ARG) pirata en el aire desde las *0115-0138+, 16/10, con temas de Victor Heredia. De acuerdo a un llamado de Jorge GarcÌa, su operador, la emisora estar activa esporadicamente por las maÒanas entre 1000-1100 aproximadamente, y por las noches a partir de las 0100+; estar siempre ahora fija en esta frecuencia. Su lugar de emisiÛn es la zona de Avellaneda, en la Provincia de Buenos Aires, Rep'blica Argentina. SINPO: 43443. Su operador solicita le envien reportes a: radio_bosques@y... [truncated] que es la nica vÌa de comunicaciÛn y el responder por cartas con QSL. Se conecta a internet solamente los fines de semana; por esta razÛn, escriban a la emisora por e-mail.

ReciÈn a 0144 ID by Alejandro GarcÌa "Est-s sintonizando RAL, RadiodifusiÛn Argentina Libre, desde 1999 haciendo radio por radio en onda corta y en castellano porque nosotros no queremos aprender

inglÈs", then music at 0147 "Hasta Siempre" by Carlos Puebla song.
73's GIB (Gabriel Iv·n Barrera, Buenos Aires, ConexiÛn Digital via
DXLD)

Hola Gabi! Gracias por el tip; por aquÌ en Ciudadela tambiÈn se escucha muy bien! Misma frecuencia, UTC 0157 con ID "Est·s sintonizando RAL, RadiodifusiÛn Argentina Libre" y con alegorías "piqueteras" "piqueteros carajo" 73 (Enrique A. Wembagher, ibid.)

Thanks to the info of my friend Gabriel Iv·n Barrera (called me by phone) I can listen a this moment 0213 on 6192.74 a Radio Bosques with the slogan of RAL with very strong signal and several IDs of Radio Bosques and the slogan RAL. Signal S9 + 20 (Nicolas Eramo, Villa Lynch, UT Oct 16, Cumbredx mailing list via DXLD)

** ARGENTINA. Estimado Glenn: Confirmo lo informado por mi via Cumbre DX y otros medios, Radio Baluarte estuvo fuera del aire durante varias semanas y estoy de acuerdo con lo informado por el OM Bj·rn Malm, yo tambiÈn escuchÈ nuevamente una seÒal en los 6215.08 en portuguÈs y un estilo muy brasileÑo de radio, la sintonicÈ desde las 0226 hasta 0300* con el programa de la Igreja Pentecostal Encontro com Jesus dando una direcciÛn en Foz do IguaÛu (Brasil) y propaganda de Ingenheria Miller en Foz de IguaÛu a las 0300. El locutor del programa seguÌa hablando y la transmisiÛn fue cortada abruptamente a las 0300 de Oct 16, sin ning·n tipo de anuncio o ID. Hoy por la maÒana chequeÈ la frecuencia a las 1000 UT (probable apertura) y no habÌa nada en la frecuencia. Es muy prematuro hablar de Radio Baluarte; lo que creo y debo confirmarlo que solamente est·n vendiendo tiempo de aire a programas evangÈlicos brasileÑos y via alg·n link y la seÒal se irradia desde Puerto Iguaz· (Argentina). (Nicol·s Eramo, Argentina, para DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** ARMENIA. V. of Armenia, 4810, Oct 6 0310-0340+ weak with local music, talk in language, choral music. Better on \\\ 9965. Latter went off abruptly at 0330, but 4810 continued with NA at 0331 and talk in language (Brian Alexander, PA, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** BELARUS. R. Minsk, 7210, Oct 5 0200-0230 English news, commentary, IDs, local music. Sign-off with sked, address. Poor-fair, \\\ 5970 was very weak with co-channel QRM (Brian Alexander, PA, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** BOLIVIA. In its Oct. 16 edition, La Patria newspaper, Oruro, reports that Ch. 13 and Radio Pio XII (FM) transmitters in Oruro were destroyed, apparently by "repressive agencies of the government" (Henrik Klemetz, Sweden, DX LISTENING DIGEST) Viz.:

Dos encapuchados destruyeron los equipos de Canal 13 y Radio PÌo XII, que estaban instalados en la punta del Cerro San Felipe, a las

18:10 horas de ayer, haciendo detonar dos explosivos, despuÈs de maniatar al sereno EfraÌn Mamani.

El sereno explicÛ que uno de los desconocidos estaba con botas y se presume que era un militar o un policÌa, pero ``era gente que sabÌa manipular explosivos a la perfecciÛn, porque los equipos de otros medios de comunicaciÛn, que se encuentran a lado, no tienen ni un vidrio roto``.

El director de Canal 13, Marcelo ElÌo Ch.vez, denunciÛ el hecho al prefecto del departamento, Ivo Arias Bustios, y demandÛ una inmediata investigaciÛn de esta acciÛn que parece ser preparada y premeditada por parte de los organismos de represiÛn del gobierno, para silenciar el trabajo de los medios de comunicaciÛn.

El sereno se sorprendiÛ por la presencia de los desconocidos, porque estaban con armas de fuego. ``Me apuntaron con pistolas. No sabÌa quÈ hacer. DespuÈs, me amarraron las manos y me llevaron a otro lugar, para no ver lo que hacÌan. DespuÈs, he sentido las explosiones``, dijo.

Los daÒos ocasionados a los dos medios de comunicaciÛn fueron estimados en m.s de cien mil dÛlares. Solamente el equipo transmisor del Canal 13 tiene un costo de sesenta mil dÛlares. El equipo fue comprado hace m.s de un aÒo, con los aportes de docentes, estudiantes de la Universidad TÈcnica de Oruro y trabajadores, para mejorar las im.genes.

``Los equipos est.n totalmente inutilizados. Todo est. destruido``, afirmÛ el director de ese medio de comunicaciÛn. El prefecto Arias se comprometiÛ iniciar la investigaciÛn del hecho, para establecer quiÈn o quiÈnes habrÌan cometido ese atentado contra los medios de comunicaciÛn.

``Lo m.s extraÒo es que solamente se destruyeron los dos equipos de Canal 13 y Radio PÌo XII, que estaban cubriendo los sucesos de Oruro, la huelga, la marcha y transmitiendo informaciÛn de las movilizaciones``, afirmÛ ElÌo.

La Universidad TÈcnica de Oruro atribuyÛ la acciÛn al ``terrorismo de Estado``, que emprendiÛ el gobierno y repudiÛ los daÒos ocasionados de un Canal que brindaba sus servicios a la poblaciÛn orureña.

``Ratificamos nuestro compromiso con todas las aspiraciones del pueblo oprimido de nuestro paÌs y nuestra resistencia a las acciones de entrega de nuestro patrimonio nacional``, explicÛ la UTO, en un comunicado.

La AsociaciÛn Boliviana de Radiodifusoras (Asbora), repudiÛ y rechazÛ esa ``cobarde actitud que va en contra de los derechos de nuestros afiliados`` y demandÛ al prefecto ``amplias garantías para todos los medios de comunicaciÛn y el personal`` y dispuso para hoy, solamente la transmisiÛn de mûsica nacional en toda su programaciÛn.

El Sindicato de Trabajadores de la Prensa atribuyÛ la responsabilidad del hecho al gobierno y convocÛ a una marcha de protesta de los periodistas, a partir de las 10:00 horas, en la Plaza 10 de Febrero, porque desde los niveles del oficialismo se preparÛ una campaÑa de amedrentamiento a los trabajadores.

La ConfederaciÛn de Trabajadores de la Prensa de Bolivia (CSTPB) responsabiliza de todos estos atentados contra el derecho de informaciÛn y expresiÛn al gobierno del Presidente Gonzalo Sánchez de Lozada. Estos mÈtodos criminales son característicos de los servicios de inteligencia que sirvieron a regímenes dictatoriales y que ahora sirven al gobierno de Sánchez de Lozada.

<http://www.lapatriaenlinea.com/index.php?option=content&task=view&id=1782>
(via Klemetz, DXLD)

In another report from the Jatha news agency, reprinted by La Patria, mention is made of reprisals taken against other communications media in La Paz for showing or reporting on the antigovernment rallies that are taking place in various parts of the country. One of the stations mentioned is RTP, known on shortwave as Radio Metropolitana.

See ``Censuran a medios de informacion que muestran muertes y protestas``

<http://www.lapatriaenlinea.com/index.php?option=content&task=view&id=1827>
(Henrik Klemetz, Sweden, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** CANADA. CBC Radio replaying in each time zone used to be done by tape delay but now is done by hard drives. Everything on Radio One is aired live to the Atlantic time zone (most evening and weekend programs are taped prior to airing), which means the folks there hear all the mistakes. Really serious gaffs are either fixed by editing the Atlantic version before it plays in the Eastern time zone or by re-doing the hour live again for Eastern.

In Peter Gzowski's book about This Country in the Morning, there is the story about an interview guest, in the heat of passion during a live interview, using the "F" word, strickly verboten in 1970's CBC Radio. Something had been, in his view, an "f-ing shame" or words to that effect.

As CBC switchboards were lighting up in Atlantic Canada, a producer went to edit the backup tape that was always recorded in the control

room so that there would be a copy to edit in case of mistakes, but was shocked to find the tape was blank due to a technical error.

A producer was then dispatched to the master control room in the basement of the old radio building where the master tape recorded there of the first hour of the show had been automatically rewound during the newscast and was now playing back to the Eastern time zone.

A tone generator was patched into the circuit and a technician stood by, waiting to insert a "bleeb" over the offending word. The producer knew almost to the second when the word would occur.

Unfortunately, almost to the second proved accurate, for his call to bleep came an instant too late and it was the word after "f-ing" which was bleeped.

As Gzowski noted, many listeners in Ontario and Quebec wondered what the word was that had been bleeped out. They knew it had to be pretty awful because the CBC had seen fit to bleep it out but leave f-ing in. (By the way, the "error" was correct for the Manitoba and westward editions.)

(Hal Doran, alt.radio.networks.cbc Oct 9 via Mike Cooper, DXLD)

** CHINA. FALUN GONG BLOCK TV SATELLITE DURING SPACE FLIGHT - CHINESE MINISTRY | Text of report in English by official Chinese news agency Xinhua (New China News Agency)

Beijing, 16 October: Falun Gong cult followers stopped Chinese viewers from watching broadcasts of China's first manned space mission when they blocked Sino Satellite, a Chinese TV satellite.

The cult members illegally transmitted signals from 6 p.m. [local times] to 7:45 p.m. Wednesday, while many people were trying to watch the space flight programmes, the Ministry of Information Industry said Thursday [16 October].

The blocking signals sent by cult activists interfered with the broadcasting of the Shenzhou V flight and other routine programmes of China Central Television (CCTV) and some local TV stations, the state monitoring centre of wireless communications under the ministry said. The authorities took decisive measures to foil the cult's plot to prevent the Chinese people from watching the spaceflight programme, said the Ministry of Information Industry.

The illegal signals originated in the Taiwan region, said the ministry. The banned cult also attacked the satellite in June, September and November 2002, as well as 7 October 2003. The illegal

signals were all from the Taiwan region. Source: Xinhua news agency, Beijing, in English 1155 gmt 16 Oct 03 (via BBCM via DXLD)

But the Chicoms themselves were afraid to broadcast live coverage of the launch, making a preposterous cart-before-the-horse claim that lack of live coverage would somehow contribute to the success of the mission! If it had blown up on the launching pad or shortly thereafter, did they really think they could suppress the news? Would we never have known the name of the doomed spaceman? (gh, DXLD)

CHINESE SPACE OFFICIAL SAYS "FULLY CONFIDENT" OVER MISSION ALBEIT NO LIVE MEDIA | Text of report in English by official Chinese news agency Xinhua (New China News Agency)

Beijing, 16 October: Xie Mingbao, director of the manned space programme office, told a press conference organized by the State Council Information Office that live show or not is not directly associated with the success or not of the space launch and what we concerned about most is how to organize well the launch and ensure its success, adding that: "We were fully confident of the success of the mission before the launch and facts have testified to it." [passage omitted] Source: Xinhua news agency, Beijing, in English 0719 gmt 16 Oct 03 (via BBCM via DXLD)

** CZECH REPUBLIC [non]. Well, if you listened to 11665 for the test broadcast from VT-Merlin's Ascension relay (0000-0030 UT), looking for Radio Prague to appear in Spanish, you might have heard a new musical loop for VT-Merlin transmissions. Had some classical guitar and stringed instruments in it. This same musical loop was noted at 1055 on 21630 before the RVi-Belgium IS, and RVi in Dutch at 1100, so Merlin has dumped the IS loop that was made famous in the Radio Afghanistan broadcasts via Norway (during breakdowns in transmission) in early 2002 (Joe Hanlon in Vincentown, NJ, Oct 14, WORLD OF RADIO 1203, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** DENMARK. It's more than a week since the date you mentioned for the future of R. Denmark on SW to be decided. Any news yet? (Glenn to Erik K`ie, Oct 15)

Dear Glenn, Yes, I know, but I was told on Oct. 7 that the decision had been further postponed --- so no final decision yet. 73, (Erik K`ie, DR Radio, Oct 15, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** DOMINICAN REPUBLIC. R. Cristal, 5009.79, Oct 11 0000-0101*, tune-in to Spanish religious programming with talk and religious music. Phone talk, IDs. Abruptly off at 0101. Strong; really booming in but with slight distortion (Brian Alexander, PA, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** EGYPT. Winter B-03 schedule of Radio Cairo from October 26, 2003 to March 28, 2004, with sites, kW power, azimuth

1600-1800	6230 ABS 250 005 Turkish	TUR				
0030-0430	7200 ABZ 500 330 Arabic	NoAm	ex 9900	for B-02		
1800-1900	7315 ABS 250 005 Russian	WeRUS				
0045-0200	9415 ABS 250 241 Spanish	SoAm	ex 9475	for B-02		
1800-2100	9675 ABZ 500 270 Hausa	WeAf				
2100-2200	9675 ABZ 500 270 Yoruba	WeAf				
1630-1830	9855 ABS 250 196 English	SoAf	ex 15255	for B-02		
1830-1915	9855 ABS 250 196 Lingala	SoAf	ex 15255	for B-02		
1600-1800	9950 ABS 250 325 Albanian	ALB				
1900-2000	9985 ABS 250 325 German	WeEu	ex 9990	for B-02		
2000-2115	9985 ABS 250 325 French	WeEu	ex 9990	for B-02		
2115-2245	9985 ABS 250 325 English	WeEu	ex 9990	for B-02		
1800-1900	9988 ABS 250 325 Italian	WeEu				
1530-1630	11635 ABZ 100 070 Uzbek	UZB				
1400-1530	11655 ABS 250 061 Azeri	AZE	ex 9780	for B-02		
1900-0030	11665 ABZ 100 160 V of Arabs	EaAf				
2300-0030	11725 ABZ 500 330 English	NoAm	ex 9900	for B-02		
2000-2200	11750 ABZ 500 090 Arabic	AUS	ex 11990	for B-02		
2330-0045	11755 ABZ 500 270 Arabic	SoAm	ex 11680	for B-02		
0045-0200	11755 ABZ 500 270 Spanish	SoAm	ex 11680	for B-02		
0045-0200	11780 ABZ 500 330 Spanish	NoAm	ex 11790	for B-02		
0200-0330	11780 ABZ 500 330 English	NoAm	ex 11790	for B-02		
0700-1500	11785 ABZ 100 280 GeneralSce	NoAf				
2215-2330	11790 ABZ 500 241 Portuguese	SoAm				
1100-2300	12050 ABZ 500 315 GeneralSce	WeEu				
2300-0300	12050 ABS 250 325 GeneralSce	NoAm				
0700-1100	15115 ABZ 100 250 GeneralSce	WeAf				
1600-1800	15115 ABZ 500 090 Urdu	SoAs	ex 15170	for B-02		
1500-1600	15135 ABZ 500 090 Hindi	SoAs	ex 15170	for B-02		
1530-1630	15115 ABZ 100 160 Afar	EaAf				
1630-1730	15155 ABZ 100 160 Somali	EaAf				
1730-1900	15155 ABZ 100 160 Amharic	EaAf				
1300-1600	15220 ABS 250 250 Arabic	WeAf				
1115-1215	15305 ABS 250 106 Thai	SoEaAs	ex 17665	for B-02		
1215-1315	15305 ABS 250 106 Malayalam	SoEaAs	ex 17665	for B-02		
1320-1450	15305 ABS 250 106 Indonesian	SoEaAs	ex 17665	for B-02		
2030-2230	15335 ABS 250 241 French	WeAf				
1830-1930	15375 ABZ 100 250 Wolof	WeAf				
1930-2030	15375 ABZ 100 250 Bambara	WeAf				
2030-2200	15375 ABZ 100 250 English	WeAf				
1900-2030	15425 ABZ 250 240 Fulani	WeAf				
1230-1330	15480 ABZ 100 070 Persian	TJK	ex 15160	for B-02		
1330-1530	15480 ABZ 100 070 Persian	TJK	ex 11560	for B-02		
2330-0045	15590 ABS 250 241 Arabic	SoAm				
1600-1645	15620 ABS 250 196 Zulu	SoAf				

1645-1730	15620 ABS 250 196 Shona	SoAf
1730-1815	15620 ABS 250 196 Ndebele	SoAf
1430-1600	15670 ABZ 100 070 Pash	AFG ex 17710 for B-02
1215-1330	17670*ABZ 500 090 English	SoEaAs ex 17775 for B-02
1330-1430	17670*ABZ 500 090 Bengali	SoEaAs ex 17775 for B-02
1015-1215	17775 ABZ 500 090 Arabic	ME/AFG
1530-1730	17810 ABZ 100 170 Swahili	CeAf ex 11975 for B-02

*alternate 15445 ABZ 500 090 (Observer, Bulgaria, Oct 16 via DXLD)

** EL SALVADOR. 17834.9, Radio Imperial; 1802-1830+, 1958-2003+, 16-Oct; M with religious program -- the shouting kind. SI0=1+22/USB helps. QRM worse at 2000, but caught ID "...Radio Imperial La Voz..." at 1959:30, then otro rlg px. All in Spanish (Harold Frogge, Midland MI, Cumbre DX via DXLD) Has it been inactive for a while? (gh)

** ERITREA [non]. Voice of Democratic Eritrea, 5925 (Dimtsi Dimocrasyawit Eritrea), (Clandestine via DTK Jlich), full data A5 QSL-letter with personal remark, v/s Neguse Tseggou, In 24 days for a report with 1 EUR in stamps to: Voice of Democratic Eritrea, Postfach 1946, 65409 Rsselsheim, Deutschland (M. Schch, Germany, Sep 25, 2003 for CRW via DXLD)

** FINLAND. YLE INTERESTED IN REPORTS FROM FLA

YLE shortwave broadcasts are being monitored by the transmission provider (Digita Ltd) in numerous locations throughout the world. Of late we have been getting very negative feedback from Florida (US) concerning YLE signal quality in that area, at 8.00 - 9.00 am Eastern Daylight Time on 15400 and 17670 kHz. The transmission provider has its closest monitoring place in Texas, a bit too far. Those reports do not indicate any fatal problem, though. Listeners complain about English and Spanish on top of YLE on 15400 and 17670 kHz. This cannot be a co-channel broadcast problem - but could be the impact of a local AM, or something else. YLE is interested in reports from the Lake Worth/West Palm Beach area in particular, but comments from further afield in FLA are welcome as well. Email rfinland@yle.fi Fax 011 359 9 1481169.

From the time change the morning slot will remain as 15400 and 17660 (instead of 17670) at 0800 am Eastern Standard (an hour later in UT, that is).

In light of bad predicted propagation, YLE will drop the evening transmission to North America (now at 9 pm Eastern) as of Oct 26th. A half hour lunchtime slot will continue at 11.30 am on 13665 kHz (22m).

All our North Am transmissions are in Finnish and Swedish only. The famous Nuntii Latini (classical Latin) will continue airing at 11.55 am on Sundays though (EST).

Based on the negative experiences from last winter, we are also closing transmission on 6120 for Europe earlier; it will be now 0500 - 2015 UT (was last year until 2300). But this not concern North America.

Any comments re our morning problem on 15400 and 17670 would be appreciated. Thank you (Juhani Niinisto, YLE Radio Finland, Oct 16, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

YLE Radio Finland, YLE Capital FM and foreign language DAB channels.

Perhaps 17670's problem is Voz Cristiana, Chile on 17680, booming in here and I expect in Florida; I do hear some unID co-channel on 15400 (Glenn Hauser, Florida[non], Oct 16, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** GERMANY [and non]. From DW's complete B-03 schedule:

ENGLISCHES PROGRAMM

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SUEDASIEN	ENGLISCH	0000-0100	1548	MW	CLN	TRINCOMALEE
			7290	41	CLN	TRINCOMALEE
			9880	31	D	WERTACHTAL
BERLIN	ENGLISCH	0000-0100	199360	UKW	D	BERLIN
ZENTRAL- und OSTAFRIKA	ENGLISCH	0400-0500	6180	49	RRW	KIGALI
			9545	31	RRW	KIGALI
			9710	31	D	WERTACHTAL
RWANDA	ENGLISCH	0400-0500	96000	UKW	RRW	KIGALI
BERLIN	ENGLISCH	0400-0500	199360	UKW	D	BERLIN
ZENTRAL- und SUEDAFRIKA	ENGLISCH	0500-0600	9565	31	RRW	KIGALI
			11805	25	D	WERTACHTAL
			12045	19	RRW	KIGALI
			15410	19	UAE	DHABAYYA
RWANDA	ENGLISCH	0500-0600	96000	UKW	RRW	KIGALI
BERLIN	ENGLISCH	0515-0530	199360	UKW	D	BERLIN
WESTAFRIKA	ENGLISCH	0600-0700	7225	41	POR	SINES
			7225	41	D	WERTACHTAL
			11785	25	D	WERTACHTAL
			15410	19	RRW	KIGALI
RWANDA	ENGLISCH	0600-0700	96000	UKW	RRW	KIGALI

EUROPA	ENGLISCH	0600-1000	6140	49	D	JUELICH
NAHOST/N.AF	ENGLISCH	0600-1000	21675	13	CLN	TRINCOMAL./DRM
EUROPA	ENGLISCH	0800-1000	15440	19	POR	SINES/DRM
RWANDA	ENGLISCH	0800-1000	96000	UKW	RRW	KIGALI
BERLIN	ENGLISCH	0745-0900	199360	UKW	D	BERLIN
		0915-1000	199360	UKW	D	BERLIN
OASTASIEN	ENGLISCH	1000-1030	6205	49	RUS	PETROPawlowsk
			15190	19	SNG	KRANJI
			17820	16	CLN	TRINCOMALEE
EUROPA	ENGLISCH	1000-1200	6140	49	D	JUELICH/DRM
EUROPA	ENGLISCH	1000-1200	15440	19	POR	SINES/DRM
RWANDA	ENGLISCH	1100-1200	96000	UKW	RRW	KIGALI
SUEDAOSTASIEN	ENGLISCH	1100-1200	17670	16	CLN	TRINCOMALEE
			21650	13	KAZ	ALMA ATA
EUROPA	ENGLISCH	1300-1600	6140	49	D	JUELICH
		1200-1400	9655	31	D	WERTACHTAL/DRM
			15440	19	POR	SINES/DRM
SUEDASIEN	ENGLISCH	1600-1700	1548	MW	CLN	TRINCOMALEE
			6170	49	CLN	TRINCOMALEE
			7225	41	CLN	TRINCOMALEE
			11695	25	D	WERTACHTAL
EUROPA	ENGLISCH	1600-1800	6140	49	D	JUELICH/DRM
RWANDA	ENGLISCH	1600-1700	96000	UKW	RRW	KIGALI
OSTAFRIKA	ENGLISCH	1900-2000	6180	49	RRW	KIGALI
			11865	25	D	WERTACHTAL
			13590	22	D	WERTACHTAL
			13780	22	CLN	TRINCOMALEE
RWANDA	ENGLISCH	1900-2000	96000	UKW	RRW	KIGALI
BERLIN	ENGLISCH	1930-2000	199360	UKW	D	BERLIN
ZENTRAL- und SUEDAFRIKA	ENGLISCH	2000-2100	13590	22	D	WERTACHTAL
			13780	22	CLN	TRINCOMALEE
			15205	19	D	WERTACHTAL
			15410	19	CLN	TRINCOMALEE
RWANDA	ENGLISCH	2000-2100	96000	UKW	RRW	KIGALI
WESTAFRIKA	ENGLISCH	2100-2200	9615	31	D	WERTACHTAL
			13780	22	CLN	TRINCOMALEE
			15410	19	RRW	KIGALI
RWANDA	ENGLISCH	2100-2200	96000	UKW	RRW	KIGALI

OSTASIEN	ENGLISCH	2200-2300	6180	49	CLN TRINCOMALEE
			6225	49	KAZ ALMA ATA
NORDAMERIKA	ENGLISCH	2200-2230	9800	31	SAC SACKVILLE/DRM
SUEDOSTASIEN	ENGLISCH	2300-0000	7250	41	CLN TRINCOMALEE
			9815	31	CLN TRINCOMALEE
			12035	25	RRW KIGALI
RWANDA	ENGLISCH	2300-0000	96000	UKW	RRW KIGALI

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(DW via Alokesh Gupta, India, Oct 16, DXLD)

** GERMANY. Bible Voice Broadcasting Network/BVBN/ changes via DTK T-Systems:

0500-0530 on 13840 WER 125 kW / 120 deg Mon/Wed/Fri ME Arabic ex M-F
 1615-1730 NF 15405 JUL 100 kW / 115 deg Mon-Fri ME Arabic ex 15750
 1700-1800 NF 15405 JUL 100 kW / 115 deg Sat/Sun ME English ex 15750
 (Observer, Bulgaria, Oct 15 via DXLD)

** GUAM. [SWL] Hello to the Gang --- from Guam island. The ship has a very slow server on board and the satellite connection is one of the slowest Turtle types in the world. It's funny to say this but I left Guam back in March when I was sent to another ship out in the Persian Gulf and I just got back to the island last night and unfortunately had long duty so could not drive around. I did go by Radio Baragada and found the antenna site. The one as you recall was badly damaged. It's gone now except for the antenna farm in the distance. I got close to it and it has a Private Property sign in front. It's U.S. Government property and despite I have U.S. DOD ID's I had no plans to get too close. I plan to visit KTWR today and visit my old friend NH2CW who gave me the tour last time. I found out that one of the hams I worked from my home in Manila was a fellow worker and plan to chat with him as well, what a heck of a way to give a QSL card to the guy; his call is KH2UZ. Remember the sailboat called Lucky that was on the beach, from the Super Typhoon? Well, it's still there on the beach. Looks like it will be a while for it. 73's from Guam island (Larry Fields, n6hpx/du1, Oct 14, swl at qth.net via DXLD)

Hello, just got back from KTWR and met up with NH2CW (a very good friend of mine) and some of the other Engineers at the station. It was a lot of fun. Chuck was showing me a tube that was going back to the company for repairs (EIMAC) and the unit pushes 6000 watts and is valued at \$20,000. It's a little bit bigger than a football. Around 10 inches in diameter and 20 inches in length. Very nice gear but had quit working on 'em. Mentioned that they're supposed to last 20,000 hours but this one quit around 800 hours. So they got some problems on that one. One of the other members was the frequency co^rdinator engineer and was really curious on those who are hearing the station

since it came back on the air. All the antennas are repaired. Well, just wanted to pass that along and have to get back to my projects. 73's, from (Larry Fields, n6hpx/du1, Guam island, Oct 15, ibid.)

** GUYANA. 3291.10, Voice of Guyana, 0940 Oct 15. Noted a man in English, religious comments. Broadcast seemed to be recorded. Signal was good (Bolland, Chuck, Clewiston, Florida, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

3290.5, V. of Guyana, 0048-0102, Oct.15, English, OM with obituary notices and "Messages" program with messages re deceased relatives, GBC ID between programs, V. of Guyana ID and TC at 0055, "Focus on Bible" feature, 0100, PSA, ads, ID and winning lottery numbers. Fair. I have heard both the obituary and message programs several times before and still find it to be some of the most unique and strange programming on SW. Lots of death via VOG! (Scott R Barbour Jr., Intervale, NH, Icom R-75, MLB-1, RS longwire w/ RBA balun, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** HONDURAS. HRMI, 3340, Spanish religious programming with contemporary Christian music, ID, poor in noise, 0440-0502* Sept 28, not heard since (Brian Alexander, PA, Oct 11, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** INDONESIA. Estimados amigos: Recitifco lo apuntado en un mensaje anterior y confirmo el esquema de VOI que aparece en el DXLD 03-171: La Voz de Indonesia ha ampliado sus emisiones en espaÑol a una hora, entre 1700 y 1800 UT, por la frecuencia 15150 KHz.

El programa empieza exactamente a las 1458 [quiere decir 1658 UT?], indicando el esquema de frecuencias y horarios. En este esquema, sin embargo, se indica que la emisiÛn est. saliendo al aire tambiÛn por la frecuencia de 9525 KHz. Un saludo a todos Jes's MarÌa Iglesias, EA1-0986, Oct 15, Noticias DX via DXLD)

VOI, 15150.03, Oct 6 2000-2100* English news, commentary, local music. Weak, but in the clear; appears to be irregular. Some days I don't even hear a het on the frequency. Heard Sept 27 on 15149.83 (Brian Alexander, PA, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** IRAN. QSL: 9590, 11670, 11750, 11920, Islamic Republic of Iran Broadcasting External service. In a large brown package included with the full data QSL card of the Khaju Bridge, was flag decal, packet on the Kish Island Amusement and Refreshment Center, Al-Tawhid booklet and finally a complete tourist map of Iran. Gee, with all this information sent, one would assume that travel is openly permitted now within this country (Edward Kusalik, Alberta. Canada, Oct 14, Cumbre DX via DXLD)

** IRAN [non]. Dear friends, Please allow me to describe the situation

as I see it, mostly through my own monitoring: R Yaran was using 7525 from Kvits-y, brokered by Merlin, in April 2003, then moved to 15740 in May. In July-Sep it was heard on 15790 from Samara, but the last logging was on Sep 12. Early Sep. I noticed an unstable transmitter. It was off when checked on Sep 20 and has been since then, so R Yaran may have left SW. The IBB RMS loggings in Farsi, mentioned by Bernd Trutenuau, are also regularly heard here with clear ID's: 7460 Daily 0230-0315 Payam-e Doost - heard Sep 23 and 29. 7480 Daily 1800-1845 Payam-e Doost - heard e.g. today Oct 12. 13800 Mo-Sa 1630-1700 (Summer), 1730-1800 (Winter) R International - last checked and heard Sep 02. All these three seem to be via Maiac, Moldova (A. Petersen, Denmark, Oct 12, 2003 in DXplorer-ML via CRW via DXLD)

13800 is a traditional Kvits-y (Norway) frequency. This frequency would be too high for reaching Iran from Moldova, but perfect if used from Kvits-y (B. Trutenuau, Lithuania Oct 13, 2003 in DXplorer-ML via CRW via DXLD)

** IRAQ [non]. V. of the Iraqi People, clandestine, 4785, Oct 5 0305-0311* Kor'an, Arabic sign-off announcements, subharmonic of 9570. Very weak; better on \\ 9570, 11710, 9563 (Brian Alexander, PA, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** ITALY. Dear EMR listener, The next transmission from EMR is on Friday night the 24th of October via the IRRS on 5775 at 2230 to 0000 UT with a much higher power of 100 kW. This will increase the signal from fair to a good Reception. There will also be a repeat broadcast within 7 days. 73s (Tom Taylor & STAFF, European Music Radio Oct 16, hard-core-dx via DXLD)

** ITALY. ITALY SETS 2007 FOR DIGITAL SWITCHOVER | Text of press release by Digital TV Group on 15 October

The lower house of the Italian parliament has passed the country's controversial communications bill despite it being twice delayed in two days by a series of opposition amendments. The new legislation, which many believe tightens Italian Prime Minister Silvio Berlusconi's grip on the media, also sets out the guidelines for the introduction of digital television leading to analogue switch off in 2007. Critics, however, say that the 2007 deadline leaves insufficient time, and reinforces the duopoly between the public broadcaster Rai and Berlusconi's own Mediaset channels. The bill still needs to pass through the Italian Senate before becoming law. Source: Digital TV Group in English 15 Oct 03 (via BBCM via DXLD)

** LATVIA. Just to clarify the recent changes: The shortwave station is now operating as Euronet Radio: <http://www.euronetradio.com> Our other (non-shortwave) activities will continue to be branded

Laser Radio. The website for Laser Radio: <http://www.laserradio.net>
For the time being this website is simply a link to Euronet Radio
(From laserradio@yahoogroups.com via Mike Terry, Oct 15, BDXC-UK via
WORLD OF RADIO 1203, DXLD)

Commencing Saturday 1st November - the relay of Radio Seagull on 9290 kHz will be from 1100 until 1600 UT. This is in order to maintain our broadcast time in Europe as Midday till 5 pm Central Europe Time.

This coming Sunday 19th October, Euronet Radio will be relaying The Overcomer broadcast from Brother Stair; the broadcast will commence at 1400 and continue until 1900 UT on 9290 kHz (Euronetradio at yahoogroups.com via Mike Terry, Oct 16, BDXC-UK via DXLD) Ah·, Euronet is not serious about providing worthwhile programming

Euronet Radio has intervened in Latvia and made sure that the change to winter time in Europe on 26 October will not effect the Radio Seagull relay in regard to the audience's local time. The SW transmitter in Ulbroka is owned by the Latvian State Radio and Television Centre (LVRTC). In cooperation with a Latvian broker, the British company Laser Radio Ltd is renting air time on this transmitter, and is marketing this air time under the label "Euronet Radio", offering to carry relays of programmes or radio stations (Bernd Trutenu, Lithuania, Cumbredx mailing list via DXLD)

** LEBANON [non]. Re 3-181: The URL for Eastern Radio's website is <http://www.carmelnews.org> --- it does indeed have live streaming audio. Regards, (Dave Kernick, Click your way to Interval Signals Online @ <http://www.intervalsignalsonline.com> Oct 15, WORLD OF RADIO 1203, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** LIBERIA. BRINGING ORDER FROM CHAOS --- Churches help with refugees, hunger, and the lasting trauma brought on by war. By Richard Nyberg in Dakar, Senegal, with additional reporting by ENI | posted 10/15/2003

. . . Radio ELWA, a ministry founded by SIM in Monrovia in 1954, continues to air eight hours of Christian programming in English and 90 minutes in nine Liberian languages each day over FM and short-wave transmitters. About 2,000 displaced Liberians live on the ELWA campus, which includes a hospital. . .

<http://www.christianitytoday.com/ct/2003/011/17.39.html>
(Christianity Today, November 2003 via Jill Dybka, DXLD)

** MALAYSIA [non?]. 7270, INDIA, AIR, Chennai, 1141-1212, Oct.14, Nice signal at tune-in with OM and YL talks and music, OM with news at 1155 until 1210 with mentions of America, Indonesia, Kalimantan and numerous mentions of Malaysia which led me to believe I was hearing RTM Sarawak until I remembered hearing AIR on this frequency just days

earlier, tho this time I did not hear an AIR ID at ToH. Is Sarawak still on SW? Beginning to fade by tune-out (Scott R Barbour Jr., Intervale, NH, Icom R-75, MLB-1, RS longwire w/ RBA balun, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** MEXICO [non]. Re 3-180: ``Interestingly, the last issue of CRW did publish as 'feedback' the previous discussion about this, but still not the info about RFCI itself, tho the Sept 12 Guardian story mentioning a **pirate** radio station at Canc'n, with no details, did appear`` (G. Hauser-USA Oct 11, 2003 in DXLD 3-180)

Thank you, Glenn. Regarding the 'question' in the last paragraph of your article above I want to answer with a line from 'Lament' of Weber's musical 'Evita': "The choice was mine, and mine completely." (M. Sch^ch, Germany, Oct 14, 2003 for CRW via DXLD)

** MOLDOVA. 1612-, 5960, Radio DMR, in English (Oct 14 '03), news and comments about current events, good signal, some noise. Speaker had a 'good' accent. ID 'Radio DMR' at 1618. At 1619 announcement of snail-mail address and e-mail. Snail mail address was the same that has been announced already in the past: Radio DMR - Radio Pridnestrovia, ul. Rozy Luksemburg 10, 3300 Tiraspol, Republic of Moldavia. (They really use the name 'Rep. of Moldavia' all the time.) At 1620 beginning of a transmission in French. BC was full of news, no music. Same 'end of program' announcements at 1640 (in French). Carrier off at 1642. Thank you to Erich and Ralf in the A-DX mailing list for the tip (M. Sch^ch, Germany, Oct 14, 2003 for CRW via DXLD)

** NETHERLANDS. Euro-pirate, Alpha Lima International, 6287.24, Oct 5 0515-0525+, ID, pop music, address. Gone at 0600 recheck. Fair level put poor reception due to strong RTTY on frequency. Surprised to hear these guys; haven't heard ALI for some time (Brian Alexander, PA, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** NETHERLANDS. RADIO NETHERLANDS ABANDONS IT LOYAL HF LISTENERS IN EUROPE

The new international broadcast schedules commence in approximately two weeks time with the change from Daylight Savings Time back to Standard Time.

Radio Netherlands Wereldomroep has announced that despite having only one HF transmission to Europe each day (whereas in the golden eras of yesteryear there used to be three each day) it is completely abandoning its lunchtime European listeners on HF.

Beginning on October 26th, there will be a single transmission to Europe via the Wolvertem transmitter of the VRT on 1512 kHz at 2200

UT.

Futhermore, the daily transmission has been chopped in half, and instead of being the 2 hour broadcast, it will only be 60 minutes.

<http://www.rnw.NL/en/html/europe.html>

Clearly Radio Netherlands has joined the trend of other broadcasters who believe that there is no future for international broadcasting to Europe in the HF bands.

<http://forum.digitalspy.co.uk/board/t/92496/ds.html>
(via Mike Terry, MWDX yahoogroup via DXLD)

Hello from Hilversum, As we approach the end of the summer broadcasting season at Radio Netherlands, the last edition of the current series of Sincerely Yours will air on Sunday 19 October. It's also time to bid farewell to host Howie Shannon, who is starting a new career outside of Radio Netherlands. This week's edition will be a special one, and Howie has promised (or should that be threatened?) to include some previously unheard bloopers. I've a horrible feeling that I might be included. If that still hasn't put you off, tune in on Sunday (Andy Sennitt, Media Network Newsletter Oct 15 via DXLD)

** NEW ZEALAND. [?] Tuned into a strong OC on 9885 at 0719 15/10, but it was off abruptly 0723. *Possibly* RNZI testing their rebuilt transmitter, as they usually came in well on that frequency/time before the lightning struck (Chuck Albertson, Seattle, Wash., WORLD OF RADIO 1203, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

RNZI is back on the air with the National Radio relay. Weak but readable 0555 16/10 on 11820, time pips and R Nat news 0600 (Chuck Albertson, Seattle, Wash., DX LISTENING DIGEST)

Glenn, am listening to Radio New Zealand at 0437 tune in w/strong signal on 17675 on 10/16/03. Nice to have them back on again. Glad I checked. Maybe they were just testing as they went off at 0450. They came back on at 0500 with time pips and then women with news at 6 o'clock. RNZI at 1400-1402 on 6095 and then they went off the air. Never came back on, 10/16/03 (Bruce MacGibbon in Gresham, OR, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

This a.m. my 1030 Oct 16, 9885 check provided results. RNZI apparently testing playing pop music. On and off the air a number of times. Carrier close to what it was before at times. Noted lots of dead air between checks. So it appears they might be back into action shortly (Bob Montgomery, PA, swprograms via DXLD)

9885, Radio New Zealand International, 1108-1115 Oct 16. Noted man in English comments. At 1108 man gives ID, "This is Radio New Zealand International broadcasting" This followed by Pacific news. Signal was fair but muffled slightly. Thanks to Montgomery tip (Bolland, Chuck, Clewiston, Florida, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

Haere Mai. Welcome! Update on the RNZI Transmitter - The RNZI short-wave transmitter has been off-air since Saturday 30 August. Spare parts have arrived and we are back on the air as of 0500 UTC 16 October. The transmitter is still under test but we hope our service has now returned to normal. RNZI is still leasing time on Radio Australia (<http://www.rnzi.com> UT Oct 16 via DXLD)

RADIO NEW ZEALAND INTERNATIONAL BACK ON AIR --- Christian Ghibaudo reports: "Radio New Zealand International is back on shortwave, since this morning October 16th. Now, at 0630 UT, on 11820 kHz, reception is nice here on the south of France." The shortwave transmitter had been off the air since Saturday 30 August (© Radio Netherlands Media Network 16 October 2003 via DXLD)

The 24-hour frequency schedule, which never got to start as planned on Sept 1, and in effect until Oct 26 is:

1650- M-F 6095 [UT Sun-Thu]

1851- M-F 11725 [UT Sun-Thu]

1951- 15160

2216- 17675

0500- 11820

0706- 9885 (with a beam change at 1106)

1306- 6095 (via Glenn Hauser, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

Radio New Zealand International (October 26, 2003 - March 28, 2004)

1650-1750 Daily 6095 / 035 deg to NE Pac, Fiji, Samoa, Cook Islands
1751-1850 Daily 11980 / 000 deg to NE Pac, Fiji, Kiribati, Samoa, Cook
1851-2239 Daily 15265 / 000 deg to All Pacific, also audible in Europe
2240-0359 Daily 17675 / 000 deg to All Pacific, also on W coast USA
0400-0705 Daily 15340 / 000 deg to All Pacific, also Eu, mid-west USA
0706-1105 Daily 11675 / 000 deg to All Pacific, also mid-west USA
1106-1259 Daily 15530 / 325 deg to NW Pacific, Bougainville, Timor, As
1300-1649 Daily 6095 / 000 deg to All Pacific
(Observer, Bulgaria, Oct 16 via DXLD)

I believe we already had the same schedule. I wonder how they pin down the non-target area as 'mid-west' USA, and why they don't ever mention Canada?? Chris Hamblly, Vic., hears Oct 17 from Nigel Holmes at RA, that RNZI SW is still in a sporadic testing phase (Glenn Hauser, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** OKLAHOMA. KXOK-LP channel 32 in Enid has dumped 24/7 Dr Gene Scott for a couple of weeks now, back to a network it previously carried, America-One, after a fortunately brief reflirtation with MTV2. While there is a great deal more variety, I can't find a single show on A1 schedule I want to watch, not even any Canadian comedy any more. Around Oct 13-15 we have been noticing ``no signal`` for hours at a time, and the last frame received on display! The original owner is in a court battle with Rex Faulkner, whose law firm continues to crawl across the top of the screen, since apparently the original owner was never paid in full for the station, altho under the control of Faulkner (Glenn Hauser, OK, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** PAKISTAN. 5027, R. Pakistan (Presumed). The off-frequency for this one stands out but I couldn't catch a lot of details. This is one I rarely hear though and it was noted to today Oct 15 just after 1400 with talk by man. Audio sounds crummy just like other Pakistani outlets on 5080.2 and 5102. Per Noel Green's information from the station, this is Quetta with 10 kW (Hans Johnson, WY, Cumbredx mailing list via DXLD)

** PAPUA NEW GUINEA. 3290, I am hearing two stations from PNG here. The first is carrying NBC and is // 4890 at 1140 [Wyoming receiver] and at 2000 [Javaradio Australia]. The second PNG station was noted at 1140 with pops and off with anthem at 1200 [Wyoming.]

I would assume that the station signing off at 1200 and not on at 2000 is the provincial station Radio Central. The second one I'm not sure about. I accounted for most, but not all, of the provincial stations on their usual frequencies. That is a bit tricky as some are off the air right now, but that would be one possibility. Another would be that this is an additional frequency for NBC via Port Moresby (Hans Johnson, WY, Oct 15, Cumbredx mailing list via DXLD)

G'day Hans, my '99 edition of WRTH says:- Radio Central on 3290 kHz 2000-2200 and 0700-1300. I think that it carries NBC 24 hour Karai service some of the time and its own local program at other times. Times could vary, and probably NBC relay when no local announcer is available. As far as I know it is indeed Central Radio, but I will check tonight for you, 73 (Tim Gaynor, QSLD., ibid.)

This is R Central --- once the regional service signs off it often, but not always carries NBC parallel to 4890. It's not usually on 24 hours (Don Nelson, OR, ibid.)

** PERU. Amigos DXistas! Saludos desde "la mitad del mundo"

3027v kHz unID Per' el 15 de Octubre 2003 - 1100 UT.

Nuestro amigo DXista Alfredo alias "SpaceMaster" reci n nos inform  que Radio Imperio, Chiclayo ahora est  en 3027 kHz (ex 3172.70 kHz). Parece que haya regresado a su frecuencia de 3172.70 kHz. Esta ma ana tuve una estaci n peruana all , pero sin ID.

Interesante es que cuando Imperio, Chiclayo (tent.) estuvo en 3172.70 kHz yo al mismo tiempo estuve escuchando una estaci n peruana en 3027v kHz. Una señal inestable y de mala calidad. Creo que el t tulo del programa haya sido 'Saludos musicales'.

Seg n Dxista Alfredo la estaci n en 3027 kHz se identifica como 'Radio Imperio' y por eso estoy pensando:

Al principio de este a o yo inform  sobre una emisora peruana nueva, no est  en WRTH; Me pregunto: "Radio Imperio" en 3027v kHz tal vez sea un harmonic de Radio Imperio, La Libertad en onda media? Una estaci n con el mismo tipo de sonido malo y adem s la frecuencia estuvo variando bastante. Viz.:

1429-1432v 0___, Radio Imperio, el distrito de Calamarca, la provincia de Julc n, el departamento de La Libertad (Per ). Jan 2003 - 0130 UT.
This station is drifting heavily between 1429 and 1432 kHz, sometimes with good signal. Semi distorted audio and the DJ talks fast and untidy as well. The first time I listened I thought they were called "R. R. la frecuencia de amor", maybe a jingle, often repeated. Finally this ID was heard: "Nueva Radio Imperio" and also "Est n escuchando Radio Imperio Laser (?)" . I checked Radio Imperio, Chiclayo on 4389 kHz, also heard here in Quito on 1491.25 kHz, but you can immediately tell that it is two different stations. Most of the time typical Peruvian music and also typical Ecuadorian. In between Andean Cumbia which can be placed in both countries (Bjorn Malm, Quito, Ecuador - SWB Am rica Latina).

JAMAS mencion  Radio Imperio, de Chiclayo en el informe... la emisora que SI mencion  fue Radio Municipal... tal como se puede leer en:

<http://www.hard-core-dx.com/index.php?topic=Andes&page=2>

Aprovecho la oportunidad para decir que NO transmite desde Panao como indiqu ... ayer he verificado que transmite usando los 105.3 de FM y se llama Radio Municipal... lo UNICO que me falta VERIFICAR al 200% es el QTH para poder compartir la informaci n. TODAS las noches escucho esa estaci n para obtener el n mero telef nico y llamar para obtener TODOS los datos posibles. 73's (Alfredo Ca ote, Per )

MIL perdones Alfredo, despu s 50 termina la memoria funcionar bien. Conozco muy bien que en 3172.70 kHz transmite Radio Municipal y conozco tambi n que Imperio, Chiclayo transmite en 4386 kHz. MIL perdones, Alfredo!

Pero, significa que en la frecuencia de 3027 kHz (no tengo tu email, ojal· que recuerde bien la frecuencia donde escuchaste Municipal.....) hay DOS emisoras peruanas: T' Municipal y la emisora yo escuchÈ a noche y esta maÒana (en esa ocaciÛn estuvo Municipal al mismo tiempo en 3172.70 kHz).

Quito 15/Oct/2003 18:35 CorecciÛn! PerdÛn! Excuse me! 3172.70 kHz = R. Municipal, Panao (NOT Radio Imperio, Chiclayo) 73s de (Bj^rn Malm, SWB AmÈrica Latina, Quito, Ecuador, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

No hay problema senhor! Considero que sÛlo es una confusiÛn y listo. Lo que sÌ estoy escucha y escucha y no dicen ni telÈfono ni qth. En radio municipal de 3023 variable. La "otra" Municipal (la de Panao) sigue transmitiendo normal (Alfredo CaÒote, ibid.)

Quito 15/Oct/2003 22:02: 3027v kHz, Radio Municipal QTH?? "...desde el distrito de Guarancay(??) transmite Radio Municipal..." and "La radio oficial del distrito". "Ahora en AM y FM". Program: "La hora romàntica". Could it be an harmonic from mediumwave with new name? (listed Inti Radio, Abancay (Per') on 1512 kHz). Close Down 0240 UT. It is NOT Radio Municipal that has moved from 3172.70 kHz. 73s de (Bj^rn Malm, SWB AmÈrica Latina, Quito, Ecuador, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

Quito 16/Oct/2003 8:16, Amigos DXistas! Saludos desde la mitad del mundo!

3027v kHz Radio Municipal, Distrito de Huaranchal, Provincia de Otuzco, Departamento de La Libertad (Per'), 16th of October 2003 - 1050 UT. This station was first reported by Alfredo "SpaceMaster`` in Per' (Unidentified).

"....desde el distrito de Huaranchal transmite Radio Municipal...". Comunicadoas to people living in these "distritos": La Fortuna, El Milagro, La Tuna, Tres Piedras, La Esperanza and Loma Grande.

Program this morning: "Despertar Andino". I did not hear the names "Otuzco" or ``La Libertad", just Distrito de Huaranchal. Does anyone know if there are more "distritos" in Per' with the name "Huaranchal"? A new station or an harmonic from mediumwave, I don¥t know.

Info from "Ventanaper'": Provincia de Otuzco, cuya capital es Otuzco. Sus distritos son: Agallpampa, Charat, Huaranchal, La Cuesta, Lucma, Mache, Marmot, Otuzco, Paranday, Salpo, Sinsicap, Usquil; con una poblaciÛn total de 117,670 hab.

73s de (Bj^rn Malm, SWB AmÈrica Latina, Quito, Ecuador, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

Quito 16/Oct/2003 10:44, Amigo Alfredo! Escuché Radio Municipal, Distrito de Huaranchal (Per') esta mañana entre 10-1100 UT, una señal bastante fuerte. A partir de a las 1100 UT más débil. Escuché el programa "Despertar Andino" conteniendo música serrana, por ejemplo el grupo "Los Nativos de Cajamarca".

Alfredo, sabes si hay más distritos en Per' que se llaman ``Huaranchal"? He buscado pero solamente puedo encontrar Huarachal en Provincia de Otuzco. Entonces supongo que Huaranchal sea ubicada en esa provincia. Más tarde pueden escuchar una grabación en la página web de SWB: <http://homepage.sverige.net/~a-0901/>

Visite Huaranchal en esta página:
<http://www.spanischkurse-online.de/huaranchal/entrahuara.htm>

Gracias Alfredo por encontrar esta emisora! 73s de (Björn Malm, Quito, Ecuador, via DXLD)

Estimado Björn: Realmente hay un solo lugar llamado Huanranchal en mi País: el Per'. Verifica en:
http://www.onpe.gob.pe/prensa/downloads/Distritales_provinciales.xls

Y felicitaciones por ubicar el lugar de origen de la emisión. Cabe recordar que ellos anuncian emitir en 105.3 MHz. 73s (Alfredo Cañote, Per', DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** PERU. 4990.90, unID probably Per' and perhaps an reactivation of Radio Ancash, Huaraz(???)

Some weeks ago Robert Wilkner in Florida (USA) had an unID probably LA on 4990.9 (I'm not 100% sure of the frequency) kHz - I checked the frequency but all I could hear was an open carrier. However this morning I heard a Latin American station on 4990.90 kHz with strong but very low/bad modulated signal. I get the impression that it was a station from Per'. I think it is an reactivation of Radio Ancash, Huaraz (Per') but I'm not sure. 73s de.... (Björn Malm, SWB América Latina, Quito Ecuador, Oct 15, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** PERU. 6114.87, Radio Uniún, 0920-0933 Oct 15. Noted steady Huaynos music during the period. At 0933 canned ID over music. Signal was good (Bolland, Chuck, Clewiston, Florida, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** PERU. Rdif. La Poderosa, Huancabamba, 6535.97, Oct 10 0025-0108*, OA folk music, TCs, Spanish announcements, talk. Abruptly off at 0108. IDs as ``Radiodifusora La Poderosa, Huancabamba''. Fair-good. Tnx WOR tip. Also heard next night, Oct 11, 0100-0204* again with abrupt sign-off (Brian Alexander, PA, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** ROMANIA. Winter B-03 schedule of Radio Romania International:

ARABIC	0730-0756	15270	15365	17735	17790	ex 0700-0756
	1430-1456	15160	15370	17790	17805	ex 1300-1356
AROMANIAN	1630-1656	756	5985*			ex 1800-1826
	2000-2026	756	5955*			ex 2030-2056
BULGARIAN	1430-1456	756	7130*			ex 0500-0526
	1800-1826	756	5960*			ex 1630-1656
CHINESE	0500-0526	15160	17720			ex 0630-0656
	1400-1426	11830	15375			ex 1430-1456
ENGLISH	0100-0156	6040	9510	9530	11740	ex 0200-0256
	0300-0356	6040	9515			ex 0400-0456
	0700-0726	11775	15105			ex 0637-0654
	1300-1356	15170	17720	17745		ex 1400-1456
	1700-1726	9570	11940			ex 1700-1756
	2030-2056	6110	7105			ex 2100-2156
	2200-2256	5975	7250	11830		additional
	2300-2356	11840	11940	15145	15370	
	[English portion in WORLD OF RADIO 1203]					
FRENCH	0400-0456	6045	9510			ex 0500-0556
	0600-0626	9510	9560	11775	11840	ex 0603-0620
	1100-1156	15260	15380	17745	17790	
	1700-1726	9510	9690	11810	11820	ex 1500-1556
	2000-2026	7105	9570			ex 2000-2056
GERMAN	0630-0656	9510	9655	11775	11940	ex 0620-0637
	1200-1256	11790	11940	15170	15245	
	1600-1656	5995	7225	9585	11790	
	1900-1956	5960	7130			
GREEK	1500-1526	756	9750*			ex 1330-1356
	1830-1856	756	7120*			ex 1730-1756
HUNGARIAN	1600-1626	756	7135*			ex 0600-0626
	1930-1956	756	5960*			ex 2100-2126
ITALIAN	1700-1726	756	9745*			ex 1400-1426
	2030-2056	756	6120*			ex 2000-2026
PORTUGUESE	0000-0056	9665	11830	11875	15250	ex 0100-0156
	1930-1956	11725	15335			additional
	2130-2156	9655	11725	11940	15285	ex 2200-2256
ROMANIAN	0800-0856	15370	15380	17745	17805	Sunday only
	0900-0956	15380	15470	17735	17745	Sunday only
	1000-1056	15260	15380	17735	17745	Sunday only
	1300-1356	15105				
	1500-1556	11790	15105			
	1730-1756	9595	11780			
	1800-1856	7195	9595			
	1900-1956	6140				
RUSSIAN	0530-0556	9740	11735			ex 1200-1256
	1500-1526	9590	11745			ex 1500-1556
	1800-1826	5965	7155			ex 1900-1956
SERBIAN	1530-1556	756	7285*			ex 1300-1326

	1900-1926	756	5955*		ex 1830-1856
SPANISH	0000-0056	9665	11830	11875	15250
	0200-0256	5995	9530	9550	11940
	1900-1926	9645	11725		ex 1800-1856
	2100-2126	9655	11725	11940	15285
TURKISH	1400-1426	756	7150*		ex 1130-1156
	1730-1756	756	5985*		ex 1700-1726
UKRAINIAN	1530-1556	6115	7135		ex 0530-0556
	1830-1856	5965	7155		ex 1600-1626

* via Saftitza 50 kW 73! (Observer, Bulgaria, Oct 15 via DXLD)

** SIKKIM. Dear Glenn, AIR Gangtok 3390 kHz mentioned in recent DXLD is of 10 kW only --- not 50 kW. Yours sincerely, (Jose Jacob, VU2JOS, ATOJ, National Institute of Amateur Radio, Box 1555, Somajiguda Hyderabad 500082, India, Oct 16, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** SOUTH CAROLINA [non]. Re the 21590 unID, 3-181: On Oct 15 I tuned in at 1405, just in time to hear the unmistakable huskiness of Brother R. G. Stair, mentioning being on both 21590 and 9475! But missed anything further, such as transmitter site. Then I tuned to WWCR 9475, and confirmed parallel, tho 21590 was running about 2 seconds behind (a further 2 or 3 satellite hops?) during the haunting male solo which followed, reminding me of Hatiqva, certainly with a Jewish minor tone. A few minutes later B.S. resumed his apocalyptic nonsense and self-aggrandizing catch-phrases. Only then did I condescend to check <http://www.overcomerministry.com/SW.shtml> updated Oct 10 where indeed Juelich is shown on 21590 at 1400-1600 daily to SAm. Besides the other usual outlets, WWCR, WINB, and other J,lich frequencies,

The first entry is a strange one, ``24/7 on 7465, Radio Mission Intl. To Europe, Scandinavia through France`` -- what could that be, a pirate or secret site? Has anyone heard this in Europe?

And whatever became of Stair's day in court? It's been more than a year since he got out of jail, with no further news reaching us (Glenn Hauser, OK, WORLD OF RADIO 1203, DX LISTENING DIGEST) Meanwhile, in Cody ---

SITE? 7465, Radio Mission International --- heard the Overcomer Ministry here at 1455 with an ID by man in English at 1500. Overcomer website shows this as 24/7 but I have never heard of this station (negative website search). Does anyone know anything about where this is? Heard via Javaradio Europe (Hans Johnson, WY, Oct 15, Cumbredx mailing list via WORLD OF RADIO 1203, DXLD)

It is from Ireland. The frequency used to carry Laser Hot Hits programming, has been carrying religious programmes for a couple of

months now (Mike Barraclough, UK, Cumbre DX via DXLD)

Is this a licensed relay frequency? 73s, (Bernd Trutenau, *ibid.*)

No it is unlicensed. the same site continues to carry Laser Hot Hits programming on 4025 6219 and 9385 (Mike Barraclough, *ibid.*) See also LATVIA; USA - WWCR

** SWEDEN. RADIO SWEDEN -- Coming up on Radio Sweden:

Thursday: In "HeartBeat" Nobel laureate Peter Mansfield and ecological hairdos

Friday: Our weekly review

Saturday: "Spectrum"

Sunday: In "Sounds Nordic" Fattaru and "Intoxicating Rooms" (repeat)

Sunday October 26, when Western Europe switches back to standard time, we'll be changing some of our shortwave schedule here on Radio Sweden. The biggest change is that we're dropping the broadcast at 1230 UT to Asia and North America. But there are still plenty of other broadcasts to those areas:

Asia and the Pacific:

0130 on 9435

1330 on 9430 and 17505

2030 on 9400

North America:

Relays from Sackville, Canada at 0230 and 0330 on 9495

Directly from Sweden at 1330 and 1430 on 18960.

Europe, Africa, and the Middle East:

1430 on 17505

1830 daily except Sundays on 1179 and 6065

2030-2100 on 1179, 6065, and 9400

2230 on 1179 and 6065

Our transmissions in digital DRM continue:

1330 via Radio Netherlands on 9815

2330 via Radio Canada International on 9800

Our satellite and local relays remain the same (George Wood,
SCDX/MediaScan Oct 15 via DXLD)

** TAIWAN. COUNTRY TO ENTER INTO ERA OF DIGITAL TELEVISION IN 2006 |
Text of report in English by Taiwanese Central News Agency web site 16
Oct

Taipei, 16 Oct --- Premier Yu Shyi-kun said on Thursday that the country will enter into the era of digital television in 2006, when the proportion of digital televisions on the island reaches 85 per cent. Yu made the announcement at the opening ceremony of the five-day Taipei International Electronics Show at the Taipei World Trade Centre.

Yu pointed out that the production volume of Taiwan's electrical and electronics products totalled 127.1 bn dollars last year, accounting for 50.98 per cent of the total industrial production of the island. With its exports reaching 65.2 bn dollars in 2002, accounting for 49.9 per cent of Taiwan's total exports, the electrical and electronics sector is posed as the industry with the greatest potential in Taiwan, Yu said.

With regard to the main theme of the electronics show, digital technology, Yu noted that the government is actively supporting the video industry, including LCD and plasma televisions, to bring Taiwan into an era of digital television (DTV) technology, which will allow broadcasters to offer television with high-quality picture and sound, along with a great variety of other enhancements. DTV technology can also be used to transmit large amounts of data into homes, which may be accessible by computer or television sets.

Noting that Taiwan's information and electronics sectors are quick to react to changes, the premier still urged domestic electronics entrepreneurs to accelerate the establishment of global logistics systems, in addition to strengthening research and development capabilities to maintain their high competitiveness.

Although the scale of the exhibition is somewhat smaller than that of last year, there are 61 foreign exhibitors, a considerable rise of 65 per cent over last year. Mainland Chinese manufacturers also sent their delegations for the first time to participate in the show.

Source: Central News Agency web site, Taipei, in English 1006 gmt 16 Oct 03 (via BBCM via DXLD) See also CHINA

** TAJIKISTAN. 4995, RFE/RL in Kazakh (Tentative). Very interesting conditions today Oct 15; I don't recall hearing this one before. 1405 with talk by man and woman. Weak level and it hung in there about 15 minutes. I checked the BCL website for the RFE/RL sked which lists //s of 15355 and 15455, neither of which I could hear (Hans Johnson, WY, Cumbredx mailing list via DXLD)

** THAILAND. Broadcast Schedule - Radio Thailand, World Service

For listeners in Asia and the Pacific, Africa , Europe, and America on the following frequencies (As per B-03 seasonal change) - effective

October 26, 2003

GMT	BKK time	Language	Frequency(KHz)
0000-0030	0700-0730	English	09680
0030-0100	0730-0800	English	13695
0100-0200	0800-0900	Thai	13695
0300-0330	1000-1030	English	15460
0330-0430	1030-1130	Thai	15460
0530-0600	1230-1300	English	13780
1000-1100	1700-1800	Thai	07285
1100-1115	1800-1815	Vietnamese	07305
1115-1130	1815-1830	Khmer	07305
1130-1145	1830-1845	Lao	06040
1145-1200	1845-1900	Burmese	06040
1200-1215	1900-1915	Malaysian	11805
1215-1230	1915-1930	Indonesian	11805
1230-1300	1930-2000	English	09810
1300-1315	2000-2015	Japanese	07160
1315-1330	2015-2030	Mandarin	07160
1330-1400	2030-2100	Thai	07160
1400-1430	2100-2130	English	09560
1800-1900	0100-0200	Thai	11855
1900-2000	0200-0300	English	09535
2000-2015	0300-0315	German	09535
2015-2030	0315-0330	French	09535
2030-2045	0330-0345	English	09535
2045-2115	0345-0415	Thai	09635 [sic]

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amporns @ mzart.inet.co.th website <http://www.prd.go.th>
Regds, (via Alokesh Gupta, New Delhi, India, Oct 17, DXLD)

** TIBET. 4920, Xizang PBS, Lhasa, 1110-1130, Oct.16, English/Tibetan? V. of Holy Tibet program, YL with talks, Chinese music between items, quick ID during music at 1120, OM with Tibetan Service at 1130, good signal tho too much "sweeper" to fully understand program content, // 4905, 5240 both fair/poor (Scott R Barbour Jr., Intervale, NH, Icom R-75, MLB-1, RS longwire w/ RBA balun, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** UGANDA [non]. This October 1, Rhino Radio International came booming in even when the ole antenna clip-on disengaged itself. Has been usually hard to hear even when one squints one's ears. 17555 'round about 1515, lengthy ID in English, playing songs like "One World, One Heart" (the tune one hears during a Jamaica TV ad) and similar peace-evoking music; deep-voiced OM jock, tho a female ID was

also given in there somewhere. OM gave address in Germany, website particulars, and standard ID at s/off, at 1530 (C. Listensprechen, USA Oct 1, 2003 in ASWLC-ML via CRW via DXLD)

** U S A. B-03 Schedule: WWCR

Transmitter #1 - 100 KW - 46 Degrees

FREQ	TIME (UTC)	DATES
9475	1000-1100	26 Oct 03-30 Nov 03
15825	1100-2200	26 Oct 03-30 Nov 03
9475	2200-0000	26 Oct 03-30 Nov 03
3210	0000-1000	26 Oct 03-30 Nov 03
9475	1000-1100	01 Dec 03-28 Feb 04
15825	1100-2100	01 Dec 03-28 Feb 04
9475	2100-2300	01 Dec 03-28 Feb 04
3210	2300-1000	01 Dec 03-28 Feb 04
9475	1000-1100	01 Mar 04-30 Mar 04
15825	1100-2200	01 Mar 04-30 Mar 04
9475	2200-0000	01 Mar 04-30 Mar 04
3210	0000-1000	01 Mar 04-30 Mar 04

Transmitter #2 - 100 KW - 85 Degrees [University Network, DGS only]

FREQ	TIME (UTC)	DATES
13845	1300-0100	26 Oct 03-30 Nov 03
5935	0100-1300	26 Oct 03-30 Nov 03
13845	1400-0000	01 Dec 03-28 Feb 04
5935	0000-1400	01 Dec 03-28 Feb 04
13845	1300-0100	01 Mar 04-30 Mar 04
5935	0100-1300	01 Mar 04-30 Mar 04

Transmitter #3 - 100 KW - 40 Degrees

FREQ	TIME (UTC)	DATES
12160	1300-2300	26 Oct 03-30 Nov 03
5070	2300-1300	26 Oct 03-30 Nov 03
12160	1300-2200	01 Dec 03-28 Feb 04
5070	2200-1300	01 Dec 03-28 Feb 04
12160	1300-2300	01 Mar 04-30 Mar 04
5070	2300-1300	01 Mar 04-30 Mar 04

Transmitter #4 - 100 KW - 90 Degrees [Overcomer Ministry only, Brother

Scare]

FREQ	TIME (UTC)	DATES
9475	1400-2200	26 Oct 03-30 Nov 03
7465	2200-0500	26 Oct 03-30 Nov 03
7560	0500-1400	26 Oct 03-30 Nov 03
9475	1400-2100	01 Dec 03-28 Feb 04
7465	2100-0500	01 Dec 03-28 Feb 04
7560	0500-1400	01 Dec 03-28 Feb 04
9475	1400-2200	01 Mar 04-30 Mar 04
7465	2200-0500	01 Mar 04-30 Mar 04
7560	0500-1400	01 Mar 04-30 Mar 04

(No mention of 29 Feb 2004 ... !)

[WWCR website via Alan Roe, Oct 14, DXLD]

** U S A [non]. Note the previous full AWR B-03 schedule showing a Spanish broadcast from unknown site at 2300-0100 on 6165. I finally looked at

<http://www.awr.org/listener-services-program-schedule%20winter%202004.html> and it confirms as we suspected that AWR will then be relayed by Bonaire, making up some of the time abandoned by RN itself:

``El 26 de Octubre de 2003, AWR comenzar· a transmitir programaciÛn en EspaÛol dos horas al dÌa desde la isla de Bonaire en el Caribe, hasta las islas de Puerto Rico, RepÙblica Dominicana y Cuba. Vea los detalles de programaciÛn abajo. 2300-0100 UT para Cuba, R.D., PR, 6165`` [also via Ernesto N. Hernández, MÈxico]

Spanish, a major world language, has been a glaring omission from the overall AWR schedule, especially since their SW stations in Costa Rica, and Guatemala were given up. There was also an AWR in Peru, but not part of the world network, nor is R. Amanecer, 6025, DR. (However, AWR has apparently continued with a Spanish 24h satellite service based in Costa Rica.) It will be interesting to see what other new clients RN may have for Bonaire and other sites, since 40% of its own airtime has been upgiven (Glenn Hauser, OK, WORLD OF RADIO 1203, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** U S A. As one who has worked at Mt. Sutro, and in the transmitter buildings adjacent to KNTV's site on Loma Prieta, for quite a few years, I find it mind-boggling to think that a station that was founded in and for San JosÈ can -- in today's media environment -- even THINK about something this inexplicable, bizarre, bewildering: it's truly a strange new world! Is there any point now in having an FCC? (Steve Waldee - retired broadcast engineer, San JosÈ, CA, Oct 14,

DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** U S A. Re: 3-181: Thanks for running the Rush satire --- Glenn: I very much appreciate your quote of the satire, after having read a couple of hundred posts in rec.radio.shortwave in which Rush fans tried to draw their weak arguments supporting him, and lambasting Clinton. One gets tired of this and Bill McClellan does such a marvelous job in duplicating Rush's bombastic style that I could hear in my mind the acidulous derision...the desk pounding...the paper rustling...the wild tonal modulations...the whole disgusting Limbaugh shtick (Steve Waldee, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

IMUS LAMBASTES LIMBAUGH

Rush Limbaugh received no sympathy from Infinity Radio's Don Imus, even though Imus himself was off the air several times during the 1970s and 1980s because of cocaine and alcohol addiction.

As the New York Post reported, Imus said, "Rush is a fat, pill-popping loser and an undisciplined slob who was turning his maid into a drug pusher. She's the one who's gonna go to prison, and as soon as he gets caught - he starts whining. He's going to rehab because he can't get any more pills and he's gonna go to prison."

Limbaugh announced last Friday that he's leaving the air for 30 days to battle an addiction to prescription pain killers, following reports that his maid had sold him massive amounts of black-market pills over a four-year period.

As quoted in the Post, Imus said, "Suck it up fatso, and stop taking 100 pills a day or whatever...and employ some discipline in your life. The rehab I went to was Hazelton and there's a Hazelton in West Palm Beach, probably a couple of blocks from where Rush lives. Hazelton is hardcore. You don't want to go to one of those chi-chi deals, these country clubs, these co-ed deals - you might as well check into the Four Seasons."

Meanwhile, Al Franken, who wrote "Rush Limbaugh Is A Big Fat Idiot," told CNN he has no sympathy for the "hypocritical" conservative superstar. -Radio Ink- October 16th

My wife said that she would "pay good money to watch Imus and Limbaugh mud wrestle if they both wore thongs!" A sight to behold (From Folsom, Art Blair, IRCA via DXLD) Would you believe MSNBC has only just now come to Enid on Cox' basic cable? Now I could watch Imus (gh, DXLD)

** U S A. Pirate in MA on FM, Monday (10/13/03). I was driving on the Mass Pike in the Springfield/Chicopee area of Massachusetts doing my

typical bandscan and came upon a "boot" on 87.9. It was an ethnic religious broadcaster running probably about 10 watts in \$tereo. Not a bad choice of frequency considering the nearest station was WMNR (88.1) Monroe, CT and was not impeding the coverage of it. The audio was not half bad when they played music. But the loud preaching made the signal almost unintelligible. 99.7 used to be favorite for pirates in the Springfield area for years. Now the wasted 99.7/WSK0-FM in awful mono makes that impossible now (Peter Q. George (K1XRB), Whitman, Massachusetts, WTFDA via DXLD)

From your description this might be the same guys who once used 94.3 (before WYBC got higher power and dominated 94.3). The programming is just as you described. I'll have to check 87.9 more often (Mike Bugaj, Enfield CT, ibid.)

Yesterday the Senior VP of TFT (leading manufacturer of EAS for radio stations) told me why the FCC is not pursuing most pirates - a "full-blown investigation and prosecution" costs us taxpayers \$300,000!! Also, I was told that about 20% of radio broadcasters are not in compliance with EAS regulations! (John Broomall, GA, Christian Community Broadcasters, WTFDA via DXLD)

** U S A. SAN FRANCISCO LIBERATION RADIO RAIDED BY FCC, FEDERAL MARSHALLS, AND LOCAL COPS

posted by mediageek on Thursday October 16 2003 @ 09:03AM PDT
<http://www.infoshop.org/inews/stories.php?story=03/10/16/0225928>
From a sketchy report posted to San Francisco IMC on Oct 15:

Around 11 am, upwards of 25 FCC agents, federal marshalls and the SFPD brought a warrant to the studio of San Francisco Liberation Radio, the micropower radio station that has broadcast in SF since 1993. Reports have stated that no arrests have been made, though the station's equipment and antenna have been seized.

Most of these details seem to come from a phone call received by Freak Radio Santa Cruz from someone saying she was at SFLR.

The FCC last visited SFLR on July 2, when two agents approached the station, but were denied entry, since they didn't have a warrant. According to the stations's website, the two FCC agents hand-delivered a "notice of unlicensed radio operation." The warning noted, "You refused to allow an inspection of your radio equipment in violation of Sections of the Communications act of 1934. You don't have a license at the time of inspection. Operation without a license is illegal ... Radio stations must be licensed the only exceptions are stations below 1 MHz." The station was given until July 20 to present a "proof of a license or authority to operate this radio station."

Then in August, the San Francisco Board of Supervisors voted unanimously in favor of a resolution in support of SFLR, urging the FCC to leave it alone, and further urging "state and local law enforcement officials to refrain from involvement in activities that prevent San Francisco Liberation Radio 93.7 FM and other diverse local media from providing healthy democratic local media in the San Francisco Bay Area."

According to the phonecall made to Freak Radio Santa Cruz, SFLR was raided by twenty-five federal marshalls. No mention was made about local San Francisco police, although SFPD were reported to be on scene by the short notice posted to SF IMC. So we really don't yet know if they abided by the Board of Supervisor's admonishment not to assist the FCC in shutting the station down.

When agents visited SFLR in July, their warning letter gave a deadline of July 20, which is almost three months ago. So, obviously, the FCC isn't adhering strictly to these deadlines, but nonetheless is following up with force.

Radio Free Brattleboro in Vermont got a similar warning from the FCC in early September, with a letter threatening to come back with federal marshalls to conduct a raid in ten days from the visit. About six weeks later, the FCC hasn't been back. Given the delay with both RFB and SFLR, it makes one wonder if the FCC isn't gearing up to make a wave of busts.

SFLR has been on the air in one form or another for about ten years, so this is truly sad news for the city of San Francisco, and for all of us who care about grassroots communications. It may also be another warning that the FCC is still taking its war on non-commercial community media seriously. Originally posted at mediageek.org (via Infoshop News via Artie Bigley, DXLD)

FCC RAIDS PIRATE STATION IN CASTRO NEIGHBORHOOD
Low-power broadcast on FM dial for years
James Sullivan, Chronicle Pop Culture Critic, Thu Oct 16

Federal marshals and representatives of the Federal Communications Commission raided a residence on a quiet block in San Francisco's Castro neighborhood Wednesday, confiscating equipment used to operate an unlicensed, low-power FM radio station.

Volunteers at San Francisco Liberation Radio, which has been on the air for 10 years, said the agents removed an antenna from the roof and seized computers, tape and CD players, turntables, a mixing board and other equipment.

"We were a little surprised," said Charlotte Hatch, who along with her husband, Jim Hatch, has provided space in their building for the station for the past year. "We thought we might have another warning or so."

In July, FCC investigators showed up at the station's doorstep, asking to inspect the equipment. When they were turned away, the agents warned of a potential \$17,000 fine.

This time, they brought a search warrant and more than a dozen federal marshals. No charges have been filed against anyone associated with the station. An agent with the FCC did not return a call late Wednesday seeking comment.

San Francisco Liberation Radio broadcasts "radical progressive" political views and independent music programs at 93.7 FM, reaching listeners as far away as the East Bay. In August, Supervisor and mayoral candidate Matt Gonzalez drafted a resolution supporting the station for its alternative viewpoints.

Liberation Radio attorney Mark Vermeulen, who arrived at the station site shortly after the agents did, explained to the marshals that the station had applied to the FCC for a license in 2000 and had never been officially told it had been denied.

Vermeulen suggested that the FCC has been sending mixed messages to so-called microradio operators, allowing them to apply for a limited number of licenses to the exclusion of stations already broadcasting. Hatch, whose daughter, Karoline, is a Liberation Radio disc jockey, said she considers the station to be a community service.

"The airwaves belong to the people as of the 1934 Communications Act," said Hatch, 57, who described herself and her 73-year-old husband as "countercultural." "They're like the national parks and the seashores, but they have been preempted by vast corporations. In this day and age, to get a legal station on the dial, you have to have millions of dollars to buy one."

She likened the aims of low-power radio, sometimes called pirate radio, to community access stations on cable television. "But there's no space (on the FM dial) for community access radio, which is basically what we are."

"People are really crushed," said Michael Rosenberg-Beausoleil, a high school social studies teacher who doubles as DJ John Hell on Liberation Radio. "It's community radio, and what this is saying is the community does not deserve to have a voice." (SFGate.com via Artie Bigley, DXLD)

** U S A. The FCC doesn't want to investigate and prosecute pirates, but they WANT to step into this mess? (Curtis Sadowski, IL, WTFDA via DXLD) Viz.:

FCC TARGETS COPYING OF DIGITAL TV

Thu Oct 16, 8:49 AM ET By Jonathan Krim, Washington Post Staff Writer

The federal government is preparing for the first time to require that personal computers and other consumer electronics devices contain technology to help block Internet piracy of digital entertainment.

A rule being considered by the Federal Communications Commission is one of a series of proposals pushed by the entertainment industry to help thwart copying and online trading of movies and television shows that increasingly are being broadcast in digital form with high-quality picture and sound.

But the new rule also would force consumers to purchase new equipment if they wanted to record enhanced digital-quality television programs and replay them on other machines.

Opponents of the proposed rule, including many technology companies and consumer groups, say it won't work. They are especially concerned that the plan might lead to government regulation of how personal computers and other devices are built, particularly if hackers crack the system and further changes are deemed necessary.

Officials at the FCC, who spoke on the condition of anonymity, said they expect the agency to settle on details of the "broadcast flag" rule by the end of the month. The broadcast flag takes its name from the bit of computer code that would be embedded in digital television signals and would be read by "compliant" devices such as a television set or a digital video recorder.

The rule would not affect consumers who record shows the old-fashioned way, with VCRs. Nor would it affect programming received on a cable or satellite system, in part because consumers pay for that content.

But the entertainment industry does not want digitally enhanced "high-value" entertainment sent free over the air to be easily copied and distributed on the Internet... . [more]

http://story.news.yahoo.com/news?tmpl=story&u=/washpost/20031016/tc_washpost/a32173_2003oct15
(via Sadowski, WTFDA via DXLD)

They may have little choice. The content industry is REALLY worried about digital copying of TV programs getting out of hand the way the

illegal transfer of music files has. If I recall properly (and I may not) the same act of Congress that requires the FCC to retrieve the second channels in 2006 also requires that some means of copy protection be established.

CBS had threatened to pull all their high-definition programs (they have more than any other network) and run their whole schedule in standard definition if there wasn't a standard for copy protection.

(as a good general rule.. consider that many of the other-than-routine things the FCC does are done as a result of direct orders from Congress, not of the Commission's own volition.)

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(Doug Smith W9WI, Pleasant View (Nashville), TN EM66, WTFDA via DXLD)

** U S A. Las Vegas [NV] to get 24 hour Clasical [sic] FM station

As of 12:01 AM, October 31st, KNPR, Las Vegas at 89.5 FM (50% Classical, 50% NPR News-Info), will split into two stations.

KNPR "News 88.9" will be 24 hour news-talk with BBC World Service overnight. KCNV "Clasical [sic] 89.7" will be 24 hour Classical.

<http://www.knpr.org> ("unidyne," rec.music.classical newsgroup via John Norfolk, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** U S A. FCC APPROVES NEW LPFM IN LAS VEGAS, NEW MEXICO

Washington, Oct 6 (CRU) --- The FCC announced today that it has issued a construction permit for a new Catholic LPFM station in Las Vegas, New Mexico, on 104.5 FM to the Sacred Heart Educational Association. The station will operate with 100 watts ERP from an antenna 1 meter above average terrain (HAAT). Las Vegas is found at the end of the Rocky Mountain chain in central New Mexico, hence the low apparent height of the antenna. In reality, the antenna will be mounted on a tower 80 meters above ground level (over 240 ft) and will be 2,056 meters over average terrain.

Las Vegas is a small town about 70 miles east of Santa Fe and is located on the mainline transcontinental Burlington Santa Fe Railroad (the old Atchison, Topeka & Santa Fe Railway) and transcontinental Highway I-25. An historic town founded by the first Spanish settlers of Nuevo México, it was an important stop on the Santa Fe Trail, which ran from Independence, Missouri, to Santa Fe, then part of Mexico. Las Vegas (the name means ``the meadows'') has about 16,000 people and is the home of New Mexico Highlands University, one of six state universities. There are about 3,000 students there, and a community college, Luna Community College. Las Vegas is the county seat of San

Miguel County, a huge county that covers 4,709 square miles and has a population of 30,156 (2000 census).

The new LPFM station, which plans to broadcast EWTN programming, is the 129th Catholic station in the United States and the 55th LPFM, of which 7 are on the air. Archbishop Michael J. Sheehan is ordinary over the Archdiocese of Santa Fe. For more information on the Archdiocese, visit the website at <http://www.archdiocesesantafe.org> For more information on the city, visit <http://www.lasvegasnewmexico.com> and on Highlands University, <http://www.nmhu.edu>

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Las Vegas, N.M.: new lpfm 104.5 FM (100 watts ERP, antenna 1 m HAAT, 80 m AGL). Sacred Heart Educational Association, 322 S. Pacific St., Las Vegas, NM 87701. Tel. (505) 454-6834. Daniel, Macelina, and Teresa Gallegos, directors. cp 9/30/03. (In the Archdiocese of Santa Fe). (Catholic Radio Update Oct 13 via DXLD)

** VENEZUELA. R. Tchira, reactivated on 4830, Oct 6 0200-0404*
Spanish IDs, announcements, talk. Romantic LA ballads, ID jingles.
English ID and frequency announcements at 0203, 0302, 0359. Sign-off
with NA. Not very strong, poor-fair reception, irregular (Brian
Alexander, PA, DX LISTENING DIGEST) That was UT Mon as Ad-n remarked

RADIO EQUIPMENT FORUM

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HAPPINESS IS AN FRG-7

Just a quick comment on what an impressive radio the FRG-7 really is. Those of you who already own one are probably well aware of its capabilities but anyone in the market for a reasonably priced used receiver would be smart to pick one up. I've owned mine for a little over two years but it was damaged in transit due to a poor packing job and the vfo shaft was bent, so it sat in line in the garage waiting to be repaired. I've been slowly repairing an HQ 180 and decided I needed a change of pace on the workbench so I pulled it down and dusted it off. I was able to straighten the damage and after a thorough cleaning the set came to life! The tuning dial lights are burned out but this sucker really pulls in the signals! Its a lot of fun to operate as well, lots of knobs to fiddle with, I like knobs. My only complaint is the bandwidth, and I understand there are some mods out there that address this shortcoming. 73's everyone, (Chris KC5IIE, Oct 16, swl at qth.net via DXLD)

A MODERN "TUBE" TYPE RADIO

A few months back while I was in Walgreen's I saw a "novelty radio" that I immediately fell in love with (no I'm not a pervert 8^). It was a "Nostalgic Vacuum Tube AM/FM radio" and it cost all of \$10.00. Now, I DO NOT usually go for "novelty" radios considering them a waste of money. In fact I have never bought one before, but this one was a "must have".

It looks like a metal (plastic) chassis with two knobs (off/on/volume and tuning) on the front and 3 glass "vacuum tubes", each a little smaller than a glass Octal mounted on top. Each "vacuum tube" has a metal mesh cylinder inside containing an orange LED. When you turn the radio on it is a fairly realistic representation of vacuum tubes as the orange light is visible through the mesh and reflects off the top of the "tube".

Of course the set is REALLY solid state |gl|. But I was curious what this set contained circuit wise. It plays fairly decently on FM and gets the stronger local stations (about 5-6) on AM. But I noticed that AM selectivity is VERY POOR, even by pocket radio standards, since you can hear a couple strong stations 100 KHz apart simultaneously, kind of like an Xtal set.

So I opened it up. It has to be the simplest circuit I've ever seen for an AM/FM radio! Apparently it is a TRF (tuned RF) set on both AM and FM as the circuit consists of ONLY 2 IC's, one for RF and one for audio. ONE tuned circuit for FM and ONE tuned circuit for AM (the 1 1/2 inch ferrite bar). There are NO local oscillator coils nor are there any IF transformers, ceramic IF filters or anything. Instead of the usual 5 sections a tuning capacitor in an FM/AM radio has, this one has just two sections. One for FM and one for AM (matching up with the two tuning coils).

Now, while this thing won't serve as a great DXer's receiver it is still a "Cute" radio for the boatanchor enthusiast! If you can still find one in Walgreen's (or elsewhere?) it would make a nice stocking stuffer at Christmas for the boatanchor nut on your shopping list, especially if he/she has every imaginable boatanchor receiver.

73 from the "Beaconeers Lair". Phil, K06BB, Atchley
DX begins at the noise floor! Merced, Central California
37.18N 120.29W CM97sh (swl at qth.ne via DXLD)

VIRTUAL SPECTRUM

I have today submitted an article to QST magazine entitled "Virtual Spectrum: Beating BPL at its own game," detailing a concept that can greatly impact our radio hobby. I wanted to "put down a marker" to

date the introduction of a new ham-radio innovation, and to officially place the idea in the public domain, so the maximum amount of "tinkering" with it can happen.

This concept uses the bandwidth available on the Internet and some simple circuitry to create a replica of a segment of the radio spectrum, stream it live or prerecorded to another internet-connected computer and reconstruct that radio spectrum at your location. *Any* radio equipment you wish to use (given an Internet connection with sufficient bandwidth)- from modern PSK-31 rigs, SSB nets, WW-II modulated oscillators all the way back to ancient spark transmitters with crystal receivers; all can legally communicate just as though you were on-the-air. The system is bi-directional, allowing QSOs between stations that normally could not communicate.

If you can't hear weak signals because of noise in your area, the concept allows you to build a "remote front end" and transport the radio spectrum in a quiet area right to your rig, bypassing the problems in your location.

I believe this concept can be the answer to BPL, "noise holes," antenna restrictions, HF "jammers" and many other obstacles to using our radios. There is great potential for many uses, and a possible niche market for someone with the resources to develop the equipment. I have already built prototype equipment to prove the concept and it works splendidly. The article includes construction details. The circuits are simple and you can get 95% of the parts at Radio Shack. By the time QST publishes (assume they accept the work), we should have completed the first Virtual Spectrum QSO: two World War 2 BC-611 handie-talkies (output: about 60 milliwatts) will communicate over a path of about 2000 miles.

If QST does not publish the concept, I will publish it myself on the web immediately after hearing from them. I am indebted to Mike Hanz, aafradio@c... [truncated] for invaluable suggestions and encouragement. TNX ES 73 DE Dave Stinson AB5S (via John Bryant via Harold Sellers, ODXA via DXLD)

Sounds like a digital version of the DX Time Machine.

I don't think this scheme is too realistic with current DSL bandwidths. To digitize the HF spectrum would require a sampling rate of better than 60 MSPS, and if you wanted decent dynamic range, you'd probably want 14 or 16 bits per sample. That's just way beyond the capability of commonly available broadband internet access.

Of course, you wouldn't have to digitize the entire HF spectrum, only the part you were interested in, but then that requires some tuning

mechanism at the remote end if you want to change to a different portion of the spectrum.

Why not just place the whole radio at the remote site and remote control it, digitizing just the baseband signal for transport over the net? This is already being done (Mike Westfall, N6KUY, WDX60, Los Alamos, New Mexico (DM65uv), Corazón DX via DXLD) My online logbooks are at <http://www.gentoo.net/dxlogbook/main.mv?account=mikew>

PROPAGATION

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F3 LAYER DISCOVERED

Here is the web link to the .pdf article.

<http://www.ips.gov.au/IPSHosted/STSP/aip/arayne/f3web.pdf>

73, (Thomas F. Giella, KN4LF, Cumbre DX via WORLD OF RADIO 1203, DXLD)

INVITATION - PROPAGATION FORUMS, AND MORE

Howdy, folks. I am trying to catch up with life, the hobby, and so forth. Things have been a whirlwind for me this Fall.

I'm inviting you to come visit <http://hfradio.org/forums/> - where I have created special forums about Propagation. These forums are for beginners as well as experts. Do you have questions about propagation? Wonder about current conditions? Want to discuss Aurora? This is an online community where you can explore these topics.

Also in the forums area are sections for Shortwave Listening, including equipment topics, logging, and more. Come by and check it out. Don't be shy. Post your questions, observations, logs. Of course, it does not replace this invaluable reflector list, but it does provide an additional resource for all of us. See you there,
73 de Tomas, NW7US (AAR0JA/AAM0EWA)

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